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THE EUROPEAN CONGRESS IN ITS RELATION WITH AMERICAN AFFAIRS.

**Our Position Abroad—Peaceful Settlement
of all Our Difficulties with Foreign
Powers—Character of the European
Congress—Hope of the Rebels Concerning
it—Attempts to Influence it—Petition
got up to that Effect—The Mexicans Fol-
lowing their Example.**

From an Overseas Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Nov. 25, 1863.

The last European advices do not contain any new feature of interest in our relations with foreign cabinets, except, perhaps, the renewed assertions of intended neutrality on the part of the French Government, a subject upon which the readers of THE TRIBUNE must by this time be perfectly informed. American affairs have been evidently laid aside for the present to make room for the all-engrossing and popular European Congress. Besides, there is now hardly any reason for European potentates to be uneasy, agitated, or concerned about us, or us about them. Both in England and in France, the ram difficulty has been settled to the advantage and interests of the North; the feeling of uneasiness growing out of the fear of intervention has been removed; the disturbance created by our civil war in the manufacturing districts has partially disappeared; European operatives have now entered upon new fields of labor; their distress has been relieved, and peace and plenty have been restored to their hearths and homes.

The ground of complaint which foreign Governments had, at one time, against us on account of the war, which so deeply affected the working classes of Europe, and even threatened them with political disturbances, has ceased to exist. The sky is on the other side of the Atlantic, as bright and serene as we may wish. We might, then, as regards our relations abroad, live with the assurance that nothing contrary to the policy we pursue will be attempted against us, had not the European Congress—convened by the Emperor of the French, to settle European difficulties—revived the drooping spirit of the Rebels, and gave rise to a certain feeling of uneasiness among the friends of the North.

To fully appreciate this, it is necessary, perhaps, that you should be enlightened upon the influences which men of high standing say will govern the Imperial Congress. The idea of the Emperor, it seems, is to call before that tribunal all questions which threaten or interest the peace and prosperity of Europe and of the world. In the estimation of his friends, this Congress, in its capacity of representative of all the great national and international questions, will attempt to come to an understanding upon points of policy relating to the interests of all parties concerned, and to arrive at a settlement of all difficulties, either by means of joint diplomatic action or by some more energetic remedies.

The Imperial Congress will not, then, be simply a meeting of sovereigns convened with the special and only design of unravelling the entangled skein of the Polish question—or wresting from Prussia concessions calculated to pacify the Polish people, by granting them certain rights of representation and of civil government, such as Hungary enjoys. It will be a meeting, as I have said, in which all the questions interesting Europe and America will be reviewed and discussed.

In the greatness and extent of the subjects upon which this Congress is called to pronounce, as well as in the fancied importance they attach to their identity with the European system, the Rebels have placed a confidence which they do not disguise. They loudly proclaim that the pacification of North America is, in a sense, as essential to the world as the settlement of any other question; they bring Southerners statistics to the support of their opinion—in a word, they can to conciliate the commercial and industrial interests of Europe, especially among the Germans, who have suffered perhaps more than others from our civil strife. They are now getting up, to be introduced before the European Congress, a petition in which the history of their struggle against the North, the heroism of the Southerners, the resources of the South, the political necessity of a division of powers, and of an equilibrium of governments in the New World, will be set forth with all the force and eloquence the desperate representatives of a desperate cause can muster. You will probably hear of it more in detail before the opening of the Congress of Sovereigns, which it is supposed, will take place in the month of January next.

I need not tell you that—notwithstanding English opinion and jealousy—the Imperial Congress will be held. It will be held no so much because of a wish of the invited sovereigns, as on account of the fears they have of the people who stand behind them and among whom the Congress is the embodiment of ideas and aspirations which they have entertained and promoted for the last half century.

Another class of people, belonging also to the new continent, are now agitated by hopes no less intense than those of the Rebels—hopes which they expect the Congress will realize. It is the Mexicans and the partisans of Prince Maximilian. They propose to avail themselves of this fortunate circumstance to place the integrity of Mexico beyond any chance of disturbance, and the crown of Maximilian upon the solid foundation of the consent, acknowledgment and moral support of the sovereigns composing the aforesaid Congress. In this way, and without troubling themselves much in demanding recognition from the different courts of Europe, they expect to secure the advantage of a collusive assent in which all Europe would at once participate.

From San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Wednesday, Nov. 25, 1863.
Increasing trade with the Mexican ports has induced the arrival of an extra steamer on that line. These vessels carry passengers and freight to the lower coast, and return loaded with ores from Mexico and the various shipping places along the Colorado River.

Business will be generally suspended over Thanksgiving day.

About \$10,000 have been subscribed in this city to the National Sanitary Fund recently.

The Brig Rio Grande Ashore.

ST. CATHARINE, Thursday, Nov. 26, 1863.
The brig Rio Grande, with a cargo of wheat and flour, is ashore at Port Coborne. She is full of water, and the prospects of saving her are poor.

Meeting of the U. S. Christian Commission.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Nov. 26, 1863.
An immense meeting was held here this evening by the Union State Christian Commission on behalf of the Union prisoners in Richmond, Bishop of Pennsylvania presiding.

The building was filled to overflowing, many hundreds being unable to gain admittance.

Addressess were delivered by Bishop Potter, Governor of Ohio, Major Boer from the Libby Prison, George H. Sturt, President of the Christian Commission, and others.

The collection amounted to over \$10,000, and it is expected it will reach \$15,000.

The death of the Hon. Elias Ransom, at his residence, Lockport, N. Y., on the 1st inst., is announced. Judge Ransom was born in Berkshire Co., Mass., in 1795. While he was young, his father removed to Lockport, and for many years practised law with ability and success. He was in turn District Attorney, a Member of Assembly, and County Judge. He retired from public life owing to the bad state of his health several years ago, and the illness which preceded his death was long and severe. Judge Ransom leaves an honorable name behind him, and his many friends will sincerely deplore his loss.

A well-dressed woman called a few days since on a Newport lawyer, and reported herself to be the wife of the heir of the late Mr. Morris, valued to be shown his estate, not over \$10,000 in value, to select from. After some trouble she was suited, and gave directions for the deed. The lawyer charged her for \$100, to bind the bargain, she produced a check for \$2,500 on the New-England Bank of Boston. Completely imposed upon, he took her to the New-England Commercial Bank, where, being introduced, the money was paid her. She then paid the \$100, but took back the preparation of her paper, and has not given back. Her son and people were surprised also, as they left her go without paying her bill. The check was for \$200, but had been slightly altered.

Entertainments This Day and Evening. For the convenience of our advertisers in other columns of the paper.

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Closed—Fourth.
WALLACE'S THEATRE, Broadway, corner Thirteenth street—
OLYMPIC THEATRE, Broadway, above Houston street—
DRAKE'S—Admiral's Club—
CHARLES'S—Admiral's Club—
GRANT'S—Union League, 26th Street—
BROADWAY ASSEMBLY-HALL, Broadway, near Broome street—
AMERICAN'S MANAGER, Broadway, above Spring street—
GOUDELL'S GALLERIES, Broadway, corner Ninth street—
MARY'S DRAMA, and other Works of Art.

Music Close at the Post-Office.
For Great Britain, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; by steamer City of London, Saturday, Nov. 25, 1863, for Europe, by steamer North American, via Portland, Friday, Nov. 27.
TEA-SALONS—and the German Salons, by steamer Teutonia, Saturday, Nov. 25, 1863, for Cuba and West India, via Havre, by steamer Morning Star, Sunday, Nov. 23.
For New-Orleans, by steamer Morning Star, Saturday, Nov. 25, 1863, for California, via San Francisco, 2 p.m.
North—Albany, Buffalo and Canada, 5 a.m. and 3 p.m. North and West Wall, 2 p.m.
Western Mail via Erie Railroad, 5 a.m. and 3 p.m. New-England, via Western Mail, 5 a.m. and 3 p.m.
New-Bedford, Newport and Fall River, 3 p.m.
The Long Island Mail, closes at 5 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday Mail—On Sunday all mail closes at 1 p.m.

Traveler's Guide.

To Albany, by Underline R. R., 68 Warren-st., 7, 10 a.m. and 3, 4, 5 and 6 p.m. Sunday, 7, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. To Albany, by Erie R. R., 26th st., steamer 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. To Boston, by New-London Line, Pier 29, N. R., Pier 3, N. E., Pier 1, N. W., Pier 2, N. E., Pier 3, N. W., Pier 4, N. E., Pier 5, N. W., Pier 6, N. E., Pier 7, N. W., Pier 8, N. E., Pier 9, N. W., Pier 10, N. E., Pier 11, N. W., Pier 12, N. E., Pier 13, N. W., Pier 14, N. E., Pier 15, N. W., Pier 16, N. E., Pier 17, N. W., Pier 18, N. E., Pier 19, N. W., Pier 20, N. E., Pier 21, N. W., Pier 22, N. E., Pier 23, N. W., Pier 24, N. E., Pier 25, N. W., Pier 26, N. E., Pier 27, N. W., Pier 28, N. E., Pier 29, N. W., Pier 30, N. E., Pier 31, N. W., Pier 32, N. E., Pier 33, N. W., Pier 34, N. E., Pier 35, N. W., Pier 36, N. E., Pier 37, N. W., Pier 38, N. E., Pier 39, N. W., Pier 40, N. E., Pier 41, N. W., Pier 42, N. E., Pier 43, N. W., Pier 44, N. E., Pier 45, N. W., Pier 46, N. E., Pier 47, N. W., Pier 48, N. 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